



A Note From Our Booster President

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our volunteers. Your cheerful response to our pleas for help has been greatly appreciated. There are so many committees who have been putting in a lot of time and effort this spring. We are very grateful for their hard work.

A very big thank you goes to Gary Wyatt and his Jazz Cafe' Committee, who have put in many hours ensuring the success of the Jazz Cafe'. This committee has worked hard to provide a new venue to showcase the talented musicians in our jazz program. We are very proud of our jazz students and are pleased to have this opportunity to share their talent with our community.

The Band Banquet Committee, under the guidance of Phyllis Collier, is creating a lot of anticipation and excitement about this year's band banquet. For many months now, this committee has been busy dreaming, planning, and tending to details. This year's band banquet promises to be an event that our students will remember for many years. Parents are invited to attend.

Thank you to Paige Cooke for coordinating the refreshments for our high school concerts. Thanks to everyone's generous response to Paige's calls, we are able to enjoy delicious refreshments and delightful fellowship with other band parents following each concert.

Jennifer Dacy and Jennie Reese are busily getting the word out to our seniors about the Band Booster scholarships available for graduating seniors, who plan to attend college in the fall. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to overseeing this process.

Lisa Popp has been doing an excellent job chairing the Nominations Committee. Because of her hard work we will be in great shape at election time. If you would like to serve on the Nominations Committee, please contact Lisa Popp.

One of the biggest tasks the Boosters face in the spring is planning for the next year. Summer is an extremely busy time for the Boosters. The success of our efforts depends greatly on gracious, willing volunteers. If you would like to become more involved, there is never a shortage of volunteer opportunities. We need volunteers to chair many committees this spring and summer. Come to the next booster meeting for more information.

One extremely important task ahead is the preparation of the 2006-07 budget. We will be adopting of this budget at the May Booster meeting. Everyone is invited to serve on this committee. This process will involve several meetings over the next couple of months. There will be an opportunity to volunteer to help at the next Booster meeting.

Thanks, again, to all of our Boosters. We could not do all that we do without so many gracious persons donating time, talent, and supplies.

- Chris Buse, Booster President

Star Wars Live!



The Junior High Bands had the wonderful opportunity to attend "Star Wars Live", presented by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The field trip was a HUGE success! Thank you Ms. Ray and Mr. Hurst for providing this wonderful opportunity for our band students! Also, a special thank you to all of the parents that chaperoned.

Band Officer Nominations

It is that time of year again. Time to gather nominations for next years booster executive officers. If you are interested in running for an office, or you would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact either Lisa Popp (972-938-0469) or Ronnie McMahan (469-644-0238). The nominations committee will be presenting the slate of officers for next year at the April meeting. Officer elections and installation will occur at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

Currently accepting nominations for the following offices:

- President
- VP Concessions
- Assistant VP Concessions
- VP Fundraising
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Junior High Rep

Spring/Summer High School Calendar

Available at www.band.wisd.org

Turner Middle School Band

The Turner Band's personnel did well in the academic competitions this past month. Several band students made a great showing in the Geography Contest. First place went to Preston Harris (tuba), second place to Daron Spence (alto saxophone) and tied for third was Tyler Bonner (trombone) and Libby Power (baritone horn). These entries were strictly voluntary and we have many more strong academic students in the band program.

Our fund raiser with Express Industries produced a healthy profit for both students and Turner's general band fund. 30% of an individual's profit was assigned to his/her personal account and 10% to the band's general fund. High sellers were: Blake Wright (trombone), J.J. Perkins (trumpet) and Weston Merrill (trombone). These folks could have a future in sales. Congratulations! An individual's profit may be applied to expenses involved with a local concert and sight reading activity on Thursday evening, April 13, 7:00 P.M., the Sandy Lake Music Festival in Dallas on Friday, April 28 and the Beach Within Reach Festival in Fort Worth on Friday, May 12.

The January and February band curriculum at Turner has been devoted to the learning of scales and the first eight measures of the Bach 12 Chorale, which will take us to the next level of tone production, tuning and the technique necessary to perform a higher level of literature. This year, children must pass off their scales and competition music before being entered on the roster for competitive events. Children were given a syllabus for scale performances and have been tested on a weekly basis since the beginning of January. On March 6 - 10, children will demonstrate their ability to perform all assigned scales during a five-minute block of time. Children who pass their scale auditions will again be asked to perform their competition music on April 3 - 7. Competitions are extracurricular and are not a part of a child's report card grade. Participation in a competition is not viewed as a reward and not as a punishment for those who do not participate.

We invite you to hear us perform on stage in the **Fine Arts Center, 7:00 P.M., Thursday, April 13**. The band will perform three concert pieces and will sight read for the judges.

Turner Middle School, where potential becomes reality.

-Donnie & Margie Owens

High School Band

UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest

The UIL solo and ensemble contest will be held at DeSoto High school on **Saturday, March 4th** from **8am-5:30pm**. The students are responsible for their own transportation to and from DeSoto High school. A packet with all pertinent information has been sent home with all of the students that are participating.

If you have any questions please visit the website and click on the UIL solo and ensemble link.

High School Band Auditions

The auditions for next year's high school band will be held after UIL on the following dates: April 24-26 & May 1-3. All auditions will be held in class and will consist of the following assessments:

- 8 Major Scales (Bb,Eb,Ab,Db,F,C,G,D) full range, AFAP
- Chromatic scale-full range AFAP (As Fast as Possible)
- Warm up Exercise #4 and 5

These auditions will be used to assess students and then place them in the appropriate concert bands at the high school. There will another set of auditions starting in late August that will allow any student to advance into one of the top two competitive concert ensembles.

Jazz Band

The band was just awesome at the first annual Jazz Café held on Saturday, February 25. James and Keith Davis were both fantastic soloists. We are very lucky to have such talent connected to our program. We want to thank all of the parents, supporters, and fans that made this event a huge success. We especially want to thank Gary Wyatt for his amazing leadership that allowed our students to experience this type of professional performance.

Mid-Winter Concert Series

Thanks to all of the parents from all of the campuses that helped with the reception after the high school concert on February 2nd. We also want to thank the audience for three standing ovations. WOW! It is always great to be rewarded with applause for a job well done. Do not miss our PRE-UIL concert on March 27th.

- Rich Armstrong

Waxahachie Junior High Bands

On Thursday, February 9, the Junior High School Bands performed at the Waxahachie Fine Arts Center in a mid-Winter concert. The program for the Symphonic 7 Band's portion of the concert included General Lee March by K.L. King, Clouds by Anne McGinty, and Chorale Prelude: All Things Bright and Beautiful arranged by Claude T. Smith. The Symphonic 8 Band performed March of the Irish Dragoons arranged by Andrew Balent, In A French Garden by Richard Meyer, and movement 1 and 3 of Three Folk Miniatures by Andre Jutras. The junior high school band students learned this new program of music very quickly since starting work on it at the beginning of the Spring semester in January. They played well and we are very proud of their accomplishments and progress.

The January band party at the junior high school band hall was a great success. Students played video games, watched movies, played basketball in the gymnasium (thanks to the coaches for letting us use the gyms for our party!), and snacked on pizza, chips, cookies, and drinks. Special thanks go to Helen Sellers and band parent chaperones Kathie Lorfing, Melanie Reed, Christi Nutt, Monica Guerra, Paige Gordon, Edward Quintana, Sheryl Ground, Tania Sharp, Michelle Berning, Rose Beard, Lisa Popp, Valli Phillips, and Kevin Phillips for helping Mr. Hurst with the party activities. Everyone had a good time and the party helped bring our band closer together.

Both bands are scheduled for another performance on Monday, March 27 for a pre-UIL concert at the WHS Fine Arts Center. This will provide an opportunity for our students to test their musical skills before they compete at UIL competition on April 4 and 6.

-Ken Hurst & Kendra Ray

Thank You

Tyler Refrigeration

The boosters would like to thank **Tyler Refrigeration** for donating a large Ice machine to the band boosters for use at Lumpkins concessions. Anyone that has ever worked football concessions knows how much we needed a larger ice machine. Thank you Tyler Refrigeration for your generosity and your support .

Chaparral Steel

The Boosters would like to recognize and thank our newest corporate patron, **Chaparral Steel**. Thank you Chaparral Steel for supporting the WISD Band Program!

Volunteers Needed

In preparation for the 2006-2007 school year, we need volunteers to head a number of important committees. We need a *volunteer coordinator* to be responsible for gathering and submitting volunteer hours to the administration office. We need someone in charge of the *band photos and posters* this summer. We need a *uniform fitting coordinator* and we also need a *car wash coordinator*. If you would like to get involved with or head up any of these activities please contact Chris Buse, cbbuse@hotmail.com or 972-938-1329 evenings, or come to the next booster meeting.



Winter Guard News

The Waxahachie Winter Guard is quickly learning the remaining section of their "Birdland" show. Some re-writes are always inevitable when creating an artistic production of this nature but the kids are doing a great job with their flag and rifle responsibilities. If you are interested in seeing what the winter guard is all about come see the group rehearse on Monday nights. You can show your support for the guard at the following contests listed below. We are extremely proud of these girls for everything that they have done to this point and we would like to remind them that they need to practice in between practices.

Winter Guard Contests

Saturday, March 25 Time TBA Haltom City
Saturday, March 31 Time TBA Championships-Arlington, TX
-Denise Armstrong



Percussion Ensemble News

The Waxahachie high school and middle school percussion ensemble is meeting regularly, rehearsing every week. The high school percussion is meeting every Monday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., and the middle school percussion is meeting the same day from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Each ensemble requires hard work and dedication that students are showing early on. More ensembles are on their way from Brook Mays, and there will be plenty of literature for all levels of percussion. The concert is not set yet, but we are looking toward the end of the semester and will let the students and parents know as soon as possible. We have high hopes and are looking forward to a great semester for the percussion ensemble. -Derek Phillips



Booster Scholarships

Attention Seniors!

Apply now for Band Booster Scholarships.

**Deadline for entry is
April 13, 2006**

Application information available
online at www.band.wisd.org

WHS Band Banquet

Mark your calendars!
May 19th, 7:00 P.M.
Parents are invited
\$10/person

WHS Band - Spring Trip

The high school spring trip to Corpus Christi is quickly approaching. Please visit the web site to get more detailed info about the trip, itinerary, and housing info. If you are traveling with the band please make sure that your trip payments are up to date. Contact Gary Wyatt with any questions concerning trip accounts.
wyatt.gary@sbcglobal.net



Final Payment is March 24th



Success at Coronation

Jeremy Brown and Shaun Patterson were crowned as Mr. and Mrs. Waxahachie High School at Coronation on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Parker Thompson was crowned as the Junior Duke.

Congratulations to all of the following students selected to the Coronation Court: Jaci Wyatt, Shaun Patterson, Jeremy Brown, Michael Prohaska, Parker Thompson, Clay Kelly, & Joy Pinkston.

February Adult Volunteers

Belinda Ashley	Sheryl Ground	Wanda Porter
Robert Ashley	Monica Guerra	Edward
Chris Aulbaugh	BJ Ishmael	Quintana
Rose Beard	Kathie Lorfing	Melanie Reed
Michelle Berning	Ronnie	Jennie Reese
Chris Buse	McMahan	Marty Reese
Phyllis Collier	Rabab Mu-	Lisa Richardson
Paige Cooke	waquet	Paul Sharp
Jennifer Dacy	Christi Nutt	Tania Sharp
Theresa Davis	Woody Perry	Cheryl Stephens
Sam Eaton	Kevin Phillips	Tammye Wright
Larry George	Valli Phillips	Gary Wyatt
Paige Gordon	Lisa Popp	Lisa Wyatt
	Ray Porter	




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To the Parents of:

March
Execute Meeting
Monday, March 6, 7:00 P.M.
Booster Meeting
Monday, March 20, 7:00 P.M.
WHS Band Hall

March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 HS Solo & Ensemble 8am-5:30pm - DeSoto
5	6 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm WHS Open House	7	8	9	10 End of 9 Weeks - Eligibility Check	11
12	13	14	15 Spring Break		17	18
19	20 Booster Meeting 7pm Banquet Committee Meeting 8pm	21	22	23	24  Final Spring Trip Payment Due !!!	25  Winter Guard Com- petition TCU Jazz Festival
26	27 Pre-UIL Concert JH and HS Bands	28	29	30	31  Winter Guard Championship	